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Beyond this the book has no peculiar or noteworthy features. As might be expected, it contains little that is new, much that is old. Within the bounds of five hundred pages covering the nature of interests in real property, the creation and transfer thereof, and the rights and obligations appertaining thereto, one does not expect to find a statement of all the ramifications of a general principle and its multifarious applications to the complex conditions of a growing civilization. Within those pages Professor Goodwin has covered an old and familiar field in a worthy manner.

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**BRIEF MAKING AND THE USE OF LAW BOOKS.** By William M. Lile, Henry S. Redfield, Eugene Wambaugh, Alfred E. Mason, and James E. Wheeler. Edited by Nathan Abbott. St. Paul, Minn.: West Publishing Co. 1905. pp. viii, 472. 8vo.

The author of the introduction to this volume, William M. Lile, states an obvious truth: namely, that the graduates of our law schools do not know how to draw good briefs. Hence this volume of nearly five hundred pages. It is composed of four parts: I. The Brief on Appeal, by Henry S. Redfield, pp. 1-65; II. How to Use Decisions and Statutes, by Eugene S. Wambaugh, pp. 66-118; III. American Law Publications, by Alfred M. Mason (a classified guide to the authorities: statutes decisions, treatises, and digests), pp. 119-172; IV. How to find the Law, by James E. Wheeler (an alphabetical classification of the various topics of the law, with a brief description of the range and contents of each, concluding with a hundred odd pages of abbreviations of law publications), pp. 173-459.

If the advice and information contained in these pages cannot teach our law school graduates how to draw good briefs, "nothing can make 'em — the devil take 'em" — except possibly experience. If the instruction provided in the schools has not served to impress the students with the difference between a *dictum* and a decision, between statute law and judge-made law, between lower courts and higher, Professor Wambaugh's admirable treatment of these and similar matters offers them a last clear chance to learn; if they have not learned how to use the law school libraries, nor familiarized themselves with the abbreviations of the reports, here are over three hundred pages of eleventh-hour directions. In short, if muddy thinking may be clarified by precept, and unmethodical habits of work be corrected by putting his tool chest in order for the apprentice, no young attorney can read this book without profit. Pedagogics is nothing if not an optimistical science; if we could share the optimism of the cult, it would not be extravagant to predict that with the appearance of this work the days of bad brief drawing were over.

**A SUMMARY OF TORTS.** By Frank A. Erwin. Second Edition, revised and enlarged. New York City: Leslie J. Tompkins. 1906. pp. viii, 225. 8vo.

**A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.** By Howard S. Abbott. In three volumes. Volumes I and II. St. Paul, Minn.: Keefe-Davidson Company. 1905, 1906. pp. xix, 1-965; xvi, 967-1979. 8vo.

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**LIMITATIONS OF THE TAXING POWER,** including Limitations upon Public Indebtedness. A Treatise upon the Constitutional Law governing Taxation and the Incurrence of Public Debt in the United States, and in the Territories. By James M. Gray. San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney Company. 1906. pp. lx, 1316. 8vo.

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- THE LAW ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA. Addresses delivered March 13, 1902, and Papers Prepared or Republished to Commemorate the Centennial Celebration of the Law Association of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 1802-1902. The Law Association of Philadelphia. 1906. pp. xii, 462. 8vo.
- THE VICTORIAN CHANCELLORS. By J. B. Atlay. In two volumes. Vol. I, Lord Lyndhurst, Lord Brougham, Lord Cottenham, Lord Truro. With portraits. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company. 1906. pp. x, 455. 8vo.